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December 13, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
The Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

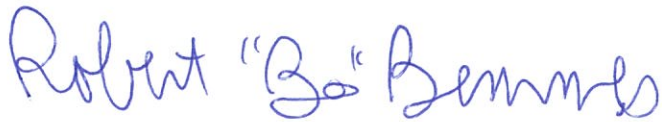
We write to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA") and to disapprove of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in *Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*, MB Docket 05- 311.

The City of Reading is located in Hamilton County which is situated in Southwest, Ohio. We serve a population of 10,342 within 2.89 square miles. Since 1983, our city has been a member of the Intercommunity Cable Regulatory Commission (ICRC-TV). And our citizens have greatly benefited from the Public, Education and Government access services that ICRC-TV provides. This includes LIVE broadcasts of our city council meetings, Election forums and debates, coverage of our Memorial Day parade and ceremony, coverage of our Historical Society's annual celebration. ICRC-TV also broadcasts several Reading HS schools sports throughout the year. Our local F.O.E. hosts the annual God, Flag and Country contest and that is taped by ICRC-TV and aired on the PEG channels. St. John Church United Church of Christ films their service for playback on ICRC-TV. This past August, ICRC-TV produced a video highlighting Reading's first annual National Night Out. I encourage you to view it.
<http://www.icrcv.com/video/city-readings-national-night-out>

The presence of ICRC-TV enables the residents of Reading to watch uniquely local programming about their community and local events and issues of interest to them. And that was the intent of the PEG provisions of the 1984 Cable Act – to enhance local voices, serve local community needs and interests, and strengthen our local democracy. By defining “franchise fee” in an overly broad fashion to include “in-kind” support, the FCC’s proposals will shift the fair balance between cable franchising authorities and cable operators and will force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels, – something that was never the intent of the Act.

We appreciate your consideration and hope you will protect PEG channels in our community and others by choosing not to adopt many of the proposals in the Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert 'Bo' Bemmes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Robert “Bo” Bemmes
City of Reading